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Gathering The Dead

Still the Work Continues of Taking Bodies From the Fernie Mine.

Workers Are Now in Very Centre of Place Where Fire Burned.

Messages of Sympathy and Offers of Help Come From Many Quarters.

Fernie, B. C., May 26.—"True Weatherly," the hero of the Fernie colliery disaster, made his first visit to town today since the fatal Thursday evening when many of Fernie's citizens were hurried into eternity. Since then he has been working most heroically, first for the rescue of any who in the first instance might have been alive in the mine, and later in the equally dangerous work of recovering bodies of the victims. He was the first man into the mine after the explosion, and for the first 24 hours after worked almost incessantly.

There were scores of brave men, who in the hope of rescuing their comrades took their lives in their hands also, but it is possible to do honor to the heroism of "True" Weatherly's conduct without in the least detracting from that of the scores of others.

A practical miner, none knew better than he the chances he was taking in entering the mine in the hope of rescue, from which others with justifiable fears for their safety were fleeing for their lives. The first of the victims that "True" encountered, was little Willie Robertson. To pick up the body and rush it to the pitmouth was the work of but a few seconds, but even the prompt efforts at rescue were unavailing. The body after-damp had claimed the little lad as one of its victims. "True" then volunteered for the first relief party that was started into No. 2 mine by Superintendent Dunnin, in which was also the mine physician, Dr. Kennell, and a score of miners, each of whom cheerfully staked his life upon the possibility of rescue. There are few who will deny the claim of any one of them to their badge of courage, but Weatherly was a hero of a company of heroes. There appeared to be no limit to his endurance. For 23 hours he held to the work of rescue with marvelous tenacity, performing the work of two ordinary men. He was out with one shift and after a breathing spell, was back with the next. When a man fell down, overcome with the after-damp, Weatherly oft times unaided, in order that greater progress might be made in the repairing of the overcasts so that air could be got into the mine, carried the unconscious man to the surface. But in the end nature asserted herself, and coming out with one of the shifts, "True" fell down unconscious and was carried off to the boarding house.

Of the efforts that are still being made to get out the bodies, Weatherly spoke freely. He says the mine is now practically free from after-damp, but that gas, which presents almost equal difficulties to the advance of the rescue party, may now be contended with. In speaking as to the probable cause of the explosion, Weatherly said it was evidently a dust explosion, and he ventured the prediction that it would ultimately be found to have been caused by the firing of the machine holes. The direction in which the bodies, ears and debris have been blown lends itself to the theory that the explosion originated in the vicinity of the machines, but as all who could tell the location of the explosion question will rest with the manner in which the evidence as to the direction of the explosion can be explained. The workers are now in the very centre of the fire belt, and the stench arising from the 15 old horses that are supposed to be in the mine is almost overpowering. It appeared to him that as the air reached the horses their carcasses burst. The remains of the men are also very badly burned, and in many instances the bodies bear evidence of the terrible explosion. Some idea of the intense heat, which the men were subjected to, is furnished in the fact that the coal in the mine in many instances has been coked.

Up till 3 o'clock six additional bodies were taken out of the mine, they were nearly all from No. 8 room. Two were specifically identified as Alfred Colco and John Horbet. It was some time before any of the remaining four were identified, as their bodies were badly colored by the action of the fire. One was eventually identified as Thomas Barton, and another as that of Joseph Landry, but the remaining two remain unidentified.

Ten additional bodies were taken out of the No. 2 mine today. In addition to those already reported, the bodies were those of R. Hartley, Peter Lekar, Tom Lekar and an unknown.

Provincial Mineralogist Robertson and William Blakemore arrived in town on the evening train and proceeded direct to the mine. From some of the men who were on the last shift this evening it was learned that the mine in the vicinity of the explosion is very much shattered and the prospect is said to be that it will be much longer before all of the bodies are recovered than was at first thought. From now on it is said that such bodies as are taken out of the mine will be taken direct to the cemetery instead of being brought to the town for a funeral.

There was considerable talk in town today over the action of the miners in running Police Officer Stevens out of town. This action was taken by the miners as a protest against an inhuman remark which the officer made concerning the victims of the disaster on the evening following the explosion, which was to the effect that it was a pity that there were not more of the miners killed.

In the opinion of most of the citizens, the action of the miners is commendable, especially in view of the moderate with which they gave effect to their mandate. There have been 61 bodies recovered so far, and there are at least 50 more yet remaining in the mine. It has been impossible so far to secure anything like an accurate list of the men who are still imprisoned in the mines.

The names of bodies recovered, additional to those sent on Saturday, are as follows:

Antonio Frederico.
Edgar Reid (single).
Andrew Pioro.
J. Flora.
Philip Schroeda.
John Krats (boy).
John McMillan (boy).
John Hawley (single).
E. A. Brown (single), father an engineer on the C. P. R., out of Kamloops.
Albin Carlson.
George Rutledge.
Harry Hawkins (single), Cambridge-shire, England.

William Love, from Montana.
Joe Velz.
Alfred Frederico.
Alfred Colco.
John Horbet.
Joseph Landry.
R. Hartley.
Peter Lekar.
Tom Lekar.
Three unknown.

AT COMPANY'S HEADQUARTERS.
Directors State They Will Provide for the Destitute.

Toronto, May 26.—The Crow's Nest Pass Coal company directors have authorized the statement that the company will pay all funeral expenses, relieve against immediate want and suffering and provide permanently against any destitution.

They state that, so far, the cause of the explosion is not known, but that the day preceding the accident, the mines were inspected by the government Mine Inspector Dick, who issued his written certificate that the mines were in excellent condition. Inaccurate telegrams from the West as to the mines being dangerous and reporting previous explosions, and assigning various causes for the explosion, should not be believed. This is the first explosion that has taken place at the mines. Men were recently fined for the maintenance of the instance of the company, for taking matches into the mines, tobacco being found upon them, and one man who denied having matches about him, on being searched, was found to have matches in his hair.

Every life damage has been done to the mines, and when the work of rescue is completed operations can be immediately recommenced upon the old scale, so that the miners may resume their operations at an early date.

THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.
Loss of Life in the Fernie Mine Disaster Placed at 150 by Well-Informed Persons.

Speaking of the Fernie disaster yesterday, Mr. E. C. Smith, member for the district, said that while the officials of the company placed the loss of life at 107, from advice he had received from parties well informed, the number of deaths would reach at least 150. This confirmed by others who were in close touch with the miners. The difference between these and the official figures is explained by the fact that a large number of men were working in the mine under the contract system, and their names would not appear on the pay roll of the company. Mr. Smith added that he had been advised that there were 40 widows and 200 orphans left by the men who perished. Probably some of these orphans are left both motherless and fatherless. Relief funds are being raised all over the country, and Victoria should not be behind the other cities. Subscriptions will be received at the Colonist and to communicate with Hon. J. H. Turner and ask if it would not be possible to start a Mansion House fund for the relief of the needy.

LATEST OFFICIAL REPORT.
Mines Were in Good Condition Last Monday and Tuesday.

Hon. E. G. Prior received the following despatch last night:
Fernie, May 26, 1902.
Hon. E. G. Prior, Minister of Mines, Victoria:

On May 19 examined No. 3 mine. All clear of gas. Ventilation good, 27,000 feet of air passage per minute for 50 men. On May 22 examined No. 2 mine. At high level division, 12,000 cubic feet of air per minute, thirty men. East and West districts, 75,000 cubic feet of air per minute, 60 men. Did not find gas in the mines.

ARCHIBALD DICK,
Inspector of Mines.

Postage On Printed Matter

Postmaster-General in London on Proposal to Reduce the Rate.

Says Fault Lies With Canada For Making Arrangement With States.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, B. C., May 26.—Word was received today from the Hon. J. Dawson that the rate of postage on Dominion government mail from June 1 to \$3.25 for 10 words.

J. Wentworth Sarel, formerly editor of the Kamloops Standard, and head of the B. C. Book Co., has been corresponding with Lord Salisbury and the Marquis of Londonderry, postmaster-general, London, regarding the reduction of postage on books, newspapers, etc. Lord Salisbury, through his secretary, says that it is a question for the Canadian government as well as the Imperial government. The postmaster-general, through his secretary says:

"I am to point out that the preference given to printed matter from the United States over printed matter from this country arises from the deliberate act of the Canadian government in making a special arrangement with the United States. The postmaster-general has no reason to suppose that the arrangement could not be eliminated by the Canadian government if it desired to place English and American literature on an equality. In the meantime, the request is a proposition that the Imperial government, at the expense of its own revenue, should neutralize the act of the Dominion government in respect to printed matter from this country and the United States."

The council of the Board of Trade held a meeting at 4 o'clock this afternoon and decided to send a delegation to Victoria at once to urge on the government the desirability of having one of the Supreme court justices reside in Vancouver.

A Chinese graduate of the University of Canton, will arrive here in a few days from Tacoma to establish a school for the education of Chinese youths in Chinese, according to the modern system. By the new system it takes much less time to become a Chinese scholar than by the old system. The Chinese Reform association at a meeting last night decided to build a handsome brick and stone block. The site will probably be Carroll street. The third story of the building will be rented as a Chinese merchant's club.

The Hon. B. N. A. passed over three bags of gold to the Dominion assay office in exchange for coin of the realm today. The gold was in the form of nuggets from the size of a pea to a marble. The three bags contained 165 ounces. They came from Ashcroft, and were the finest collection of nuggets seen in the city this season.

Ontario Now Is Red Hot

Political Warfare Waxes Fast and Furious—Both Sides are Confident.

Extraordinary Accident With Live Electric Wire In Montreal—Carnegie Library.

MacKenzie & Mann Deny They are Interested In Canada Atlantic Purchase.

Toronto, May 26.—The air is full of election. The Mail has a long double column article on the front page calling on Sir Oliver Mowat to dismiss the Ross government because of the election. The article in the West Elgin election case, proves to be an agent of an insurance company, of which Premier Ross is president, and is working for the company in Jamaica, West Indies. Mr. Ross points out in an interview that Bole has been employed by the Manufacturers' Life Insurance company since the days when Sir John Macdonald was president.

A very lively meeting was held at Columbus, South Ontario, Saturday night, at which almost a free fight took place. The meeting was in the interests of Hon. Mr. Dryden, and Mayor Powke, of Oshawa, in supporting Mr. Dryden, called Wm. Smith, M.P., an ardent coward, because he had sought to intimidate him from attending the meeting, and referred to Smith's career. Mr. Smith was present at the meeting, and sprang at Powke when the latter referred to him. Considerable confusion followed, and a fight was averted only with difficulty. Both sides express great confidence in the outcome of Thursday's contest.

William Hendrie, owner of Lyddite, the first King's plate winner, received a message of congratulation on Saturday from His Majesty through Sir Dighton Probyn.

Montreal, May 26.—Alfred Archambault, a 13-year-old boy, caught hold of a piece of telephone wire wound round a pole on Anahet street tonight and received a severe shock. He was unable to get up and his cries attracted the attention of Joseph Contant. Contant grasped the wire and received a shock which knocked him down. Another passerby, Wilfrid Bourdon, grabbed the wire with both hands, and was instantly killed. Contant and Archambault were seriously burned. The wire had become crossed with an electric light wire. The Montreal city council today formally accepted the offer of Andrew Carnegie of \$150,000 for a civic library, the city to contribute \$15,000 annually to its maintenance.

President Shaugnessy, of the O. P. R., tonight confirmed the appointment of E. H. McInerney, formerly of the Northern Pacific, as chief engineer of the road in succession to P. A. Peterson, who becomes consulting engineer.

Ottawa, May 26.—(Special)—Dan Mackenzie, of Mackenzie & Mann, of the Canadian Northern, gives a flat denial to the report that his company is interested with Dr. Seward Webb in the purchase of the Canada Atlantic. "There is absolutely no truth in the report so far as we are concerned," said Mr. Mann. "We have never had any negotiations with Booth and we are not acquainted with Dr. Webb."

SHIPPING COMBINE.
Terms Under Which the German Lines Enter.

Berlin, May 26.—The directors of the Hamburg-American line have issued a receipt for the telegram rates in the agreement arrived at between the Morgan shipping combine and the Hamburg-American and the North German Lloyd lines. The two German companies undertake to pay the combine an annual sum equal to the right of increasing the annual sum according to it, to an amount equaling dividends on 25 per cent. of the capital stock. The syndicate in return pledges itself to pay the Germans six per cent. on a corresponding amount of capital.

The German companies at British ports and that of the combine lines at the Continental ports, is to be limited, subject to certain conditions. The North Atlantic cabin traffic of both parties is to be regulated by a special pooling arrangement, and it is agreed to maintain the present pool regarding steerage passengers. The freight business will be conducted under the existing agreements, excepting mutual precautions against outside competition. The agreement further provides for the arbitration of the differences and it becomes inoperative in the event of war between the United States and Germany, Great Britain and Germany, or the United States and Great Britain.

STRIKES.
Montreal Carters Want More Pay—Eight Hours in Denver.

Montreal, May 26.—Three hundred heavy carters employed by the Dominion Transport company and Meldrum Bros., went out on strike this morning. The men demand \$1.50 per day. They were receiving \$1.25 to \$1.40.

Denver, May 26.—Five thousand union men employed in the building trades struck today, causing practically a total stoppage of building operations in this city. The strike was ordered by the Building Trades council for aiding the woodworkers in their efforts to secure an eight hour day.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 26.—The action of the engineers and pump runners in the Shamokin region in refusing to obey the call of the United Mine Workers to strike on June 2, in case the operators do not grant an eight-hour work day at the present wages, has a surprising effect. It struck today, causing practically a total stoppage of building operations in this city. The strike was ordered by the Building Trades council for aiding the woodworkers in their efforts to secure an eight hour day.

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Rumored Hitch In Peace Terms

But No Official Statement Is
Forthcoming in London
Yet.

Number of Boers Surrender at
Balmoral, Transvaal—Ignor-
ing Kruger.

London, May 27.—Just before Parlia-
ment rose after midnight last night, a
rumor reached the lobbies that a hitch
had occurred in the peace negotiations.
Nothing official concerning this rumor
could be ascertained, but the despatch
column of the Associated Press from Pretoria
in which it was said that the prevalence
throughout South Africa of the optimistic
feeling in regard to the peace nego-
tiations was hardly based upon the solid
fact that such a hitch had occurred.

Little information from Pretoria has
been able to pass the censor there re-
cently. That the government yesterday
fully anticipated a speedy conclusion of
peace is believed to be shown by the
postponement from yesterday until Fri-
day or later, of the Budget bill in the
committee stage, with the view, as is
frankly admitted on the government
side of the House of Commons, of the
recast, in the event that peace is
secured. The tax on grain has proved
so unpopular throughout the country, and
has had an unexpected effect in re-
viving the Liberal party with a most ef-
fective election cry, that there is little
doubt the government will welcome an
excuse to drop it.

The Daily Mail this morning says the
cabinet council to be held today will
decide upon points of detail, and being
a financial nature, which have been
raised by the Boers in the peace negotia-
tions. Great Britain's decision in the
matter will then be communicated to the
Vereniging conference by delegates at
Pretoria, says the paper, and being
the best obtainable terms, they will al-
most certainly be accepted. The re-
sults should be announced officially either
Thursday or Friday of this week, prob-
ably on Friday, the day upon which
King Edward's birth is celebrated. Peace
is quite certain, says the Daily Mail,
and the delegates at Pretoria are only
engaged in endeavoring to gild the pill
for the Vereniging conference to swal-
low.

The Daily Mail says further: Our
despatches from Pretoria assert that
numerous communications are passing
between Lord Kitchener and Lord Milner
in South Africa and London.
Lord Kitchener, it is believed, is still
full of energy, is much aged in appear-
ance as a result of the severe strain
which he has undergone. The consensus
of opinion is that the recent negotiations
have proved Lord Kitchener to be a
great diplomatist, as well as a great
soldier. It is difficult to appreciate the
magnitude of the difficulties Lord Kitch-
ener has had to contend with. The
Boer leaders are all deeply impressed
with his personality, and trust him in-
quently. It is understood that Lord
Milner, the high commissioner in South
Africa, has graciously admitted that the
ultimate credit for the accomplishment
of the great task is due to Lord Kitch-
ener.

Pretoria, May 26.—The prevalence
throughout South Africa of the optimistic
feeling in regard to the peace negotia-
tions, is hardly based on solid facts. The
protraction of the conference at Vereen-
iging is not necessarily a hopeful sign.
The delegates to the conference, al-
though they have abandoned their
hopes of securing independence, still
have some points of difference with the
government. An obstinate minority con-
tinues to demand the restoration of pos-
sibilities as the best outcome of the pre-
sent situation, and at any moment these
points of difference may be accentuated
into a refusal to continue the negotia-
tions. It is most unlikely that these
who are in favor of peace will throw
up the sponge so long as a decent minor-
ity is desirous of continuing the struggle,
and all the elements must be taken into
account before it is possible to give any
sort of prediction as to the issue of the
present negotiations.

Forty-six Boers with their wagons and
cattle surrendered at Balmoral, Trans-
vaal, yesterday.

The Hague, May 26.—It is stated in
The Hague circles here that the pro-
posals made to the conference at Vereen-
iging, Transvaal, included the condition
that the Boers in the field be al-
lowed to consult with the Boer dele-
gates in Europe before a definite settle-
ment is reached. It is believed also
upon the same authority, that the Brit-
ish government refused May 23 to ac-
cede to this request.

FOR ST. VINCENT.

Canadian Lumber to Be Despatched by
Shortest Route.

Washington, May 26.—The Navy de-
partment has added more and perhaps
the last to the good offices at which it
has been called on to perform in behalf
of the West Indian volcanic sufferers
by undertaking to transport to the home-
less people of St. Vincent a large quan-
tity of building lumber which the Cana-
dian government has donated. The
lumber is coming by rail from Canada
through to Norfolk, where it will be load-
ed on the collier Leontidas and transported
directly to St. Vincent.

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Meet on the Diamond on
Saturday Next.

Aeneas Jarvis, who returned last
week to Toronto after spending a
month in this province arranging many
of the details of the amalgamation of
the salmon canneries, was deeply inter-
ested during his visit in the varied
wealth of this province, and particu-
larly in the piles of manufactured
lumber that surround the mills. A
thorough business man, with years of
training, in one of the foremost banks
of Canada, Mr. Jarvis has not always
been as much interested in the timber
industry as he is now, and so on this
occasion he did not go so much into
the prospects of this great industry of
British Columbia as into the fitness of
its fir and spruce and cedar for the
building of those white-winged beauties
which he has so often steered to victory
on the Great Canadian lakes. And in
this it must be remembered that Mr.
Jarvis is a yachtsman of that good old
sort that knows a yacht better than the
water line as well as up above. He belongs
to the school of fast sailing, and he
thinks that the best of the world's
boats are those that can not only sail
a ship, but build one too, and while an
afternoon's frisk with a friendly rival
was a pleasure long and keen, the for-
mation was just as likely to find him
with a stick of timber destined for some
coming boat.

Such was the ease with the Canadian
yachtsmen competing for the Canada cup.
Not only that, but he has been seen on
the Saturdays and Sundays too in the ship-
yard working on their construction, so
much so that he now holds a recognized
place in Jim Andrew's yacht building
crew at Oakville, just outside Toronto,
where for years past some of the finest
Canadian yachts have been built. In
one feature of this, the skipper and the
yachtbuilder do not see as one, for Capt.
Andrew is a staunch Salvation Army
man, who has sold War Crises on the
city streets, and pleaded with the
hardened sinners of Nanaimo's street
corners, does not approve of Sunday
work. He has been known to look on
Sunday afternoon down to the long shed
where his heart's love lies, his motor
boat that was for years his yachting
bent, and would run more after knees
and keels than the war songs and the
War Crises of the afternoon's parade.

And it is to be remembered that he
and yachtsman Skipper Jarvis have been
selecting the choice bill of cedar, spruce
and fir to have shipped back next month
to Oakville. There is no international
race this year, but the building still goes
on, and the season will produce a couple
of footloose, perhaps more, to go into
the Canadian preliminaries with the In-
vader, the Beaver, the Canada, and the
rest of them.

BASEBALL.
Victoria to Meet the Townsend Team
at Oak Bay Next Saturday.

The next opponents of the Victorias
will be the Port Townsend team on Sat-
urday next. The Townsend team has
been considerably strengthened by the
addition of several ex-professionals, and
so far this season the team has met with
great success, having won the major
portion of their games. The locals will
put in another week of hard practice,
and are trying hard to be in good settle-
ment for their next match. So far they
have played extraordinary good ball, but
have been very unfortunate in making
errors at times when errors meant runs.
However, such luck can't last forever,
and it remains to be seen if next Sat-
urday's game will bring the much longed
for change.

CLUB FOURS.
Crews for the Second of the Series to
Be Chosen Tomorrow.

The second of the series of J. B. A. A.
club fours, which take place on June
14, promise to be fully as good as the
last event. Already 30 members have
signified their intention of rowing,
and when the crews are picked on May
28, it is expected that there will be
more entries on the list than there were
on the former occasion. Besides the
club fours, a skiff race will be rowed,
when a lively contest is anticipated.

SPORT NOTES.

Frank Springer has been elected field-
captain of the Vancouver Lacrosse club.
Mrs. W. F. Sheard, of Tacoma, made
some fine shooting at the traps at Beacon
Hill, Saturday. In the first event Mrs.
Sheard broke 13 out of 15 birds, beating
her husband by one bird. Post-Native
On June 1, a shoot for the Peter's cup
will take place at the traps at the head
of the Gorge, under the auspices of the
Capital Gun club. If W. N. Lenfesty
wins, he will take possession of the
Peter's cup, he has already been victorious
twice in succession.

SICK MAN'S TROUBLES.
Sultan's Troops Deserting and Capture
Governor of Mocha.

London, May 26.—A despatch to the
Daily Express from Cairo, Egypt, says
a report has reached there that a whole
battalion of Turkish troops has been an-
nihilated by rebels near Port Suez. The
Turkish Vihay of Yemen, in the
northwestern part of Arabia. The gov-
ernor of Mocha is said to have been car-
ried away by the rebels as a hostage.
The rebels are being joined by numbers
of Turkish troops, who are deserting.

STOLEN HORSES.

Mounted Police Make Capture Near
Estevan.

Winnipeg, May 26.—(Special)—Michael
Marshey, a rancher, was found dead
near Calgary yesterday. He was in the
city last week, and is supposed to have
died of pneumonia.
Two Mounted Policemen have arrived
at Estevan with William and John Mar-
tin, who were arrested with a band of
horses in their possession, supposed to
have been stolen.

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ture's way, by curing new nerve cells
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lanta Constitution.

LOCAL NEWS.

Laid at Rest.—The funeral of the in-
fant son of Jonas Foster and Mrs. Fos-
ter, of Seattle, took place yesterday from
the residence of Mr. Geo. Schneider, on
Cathlamet road. Rev. Mr. Miller con-
ducted the funeral services.

Permanent Sidewalk.—Work was be-
gun yesterday morning on the construc-
tion of a permanent concrete walk on
the south side of Bastion street, from
Wharf street up, and with the speed at
which progress was being made yester-
day, it will only take a few days to
complete that very necessary improve-
ment.

Coronation Bazaar.—A Coronation ba-
zaar will be held at the U. W. hall on
Wednesday and Thursday of next
week by the ladies of St. John's church,
when there will be a ping-pong tourna-
ment, for which handsome prizes will be
given. Entry lists will be placed at T.
N. Hibben & Co.'s store.

Electrical Display.—The Hinton Elec-
tric company was, as usual, well to the
front in making an attractive display
during the celebration. The electrical
decorations were novel and much admir-
ed by all. The large sign "Victoria" in
front of the parliament buildings was in-
stalled by them. The sign was 40 feet
long, 5 feet high and over 300 lamps
were used.

A Misfortune.—Last Wednesday even-
ing a purse containing a sum of money
was lost between the Chalmers wharf
and the corner of Fort and Government
streets. The money had been collected
for the purpose of defraying the ex-
penses of an invader who was seeking a
change of air and anyone picking up
the purse will confer a great favor by
returning the lost property to this office.

Ladies of Macenebens.—The regular
meeting of the ladies of the Macenebens
will be held this afternoon in room No. 2,
A. O. U. W. hall, Yates street. At the
conclusion of the business, which will
commence promptly at 2:45 o'clock, Mrs.
R. S. Day will, at 4 o'clock, give an ad-
dress, and Mrs. A. J. Cline will be pre-
sented to sing. The meeting at 4 o'clock
will be open to all who wish to avail
themselves of the privilege of being pres-
ent.

Boat Race.—A race between four-oared
crews from two local firms, R. P. Hithet
& Co., and the British-American Paint
& Co., will take place at 7:30 p. m. to-
morrow evening from the J. B. A. A.
bathhouse. The contesting crews are:
R. P. Hithet—H. C. Briggs, stroke; J.
Hithet, No. 2; J. Lawrence, No. 2; and
V. A. Wolfenden, bow. British-American
Paint company—P. Austin, stroke; J.
Finlayson, No. 3; A. George, No. 2, and
J. T. Pendray, bow.

Union Meetings.—The retail clerks,
carpenters, barbers and bricklayers held
meeting in Labor hall last evening. E.
W. A. O'Dell, of Hamilton, Ont., ad-
dressed the different meetings in behalf
of the Boot and Shoe Workers' union,
seeking the trade unionism in the
pushing the union label. The Typog-
raphical union met on Sunday afternoon,
when officers were nominated for the en-
suing term. Elections take place at
the June meeting.

Till Tapped.—The till in the barroom
at the Victoria Gardens at the Gorge
was broken open on Sunday night, and
about \$100 taken therefrom. Three men
from the Work Point barracks were ar-
rested early yesterday morning on sus-
picion, and are held at the provincial
police lockup, while the police are looking
for two more men from the barracks,
who are also supposed to be implicated.
It appears that on Sunday night five
soldiers entered the barroom, and after
drinks and sandwiches. While the
woman of the house was out getting the
sandwiches the till was broken open and
the money, about \$100, extracted. The
three soldiers who were in the barroom
were taken into custody, while the other
two were still gathering evidence in the case.

Lawyers' Tax.—Before the opening of
the City Court meeting last evening,
Mr. Robert Cassidy addressed the ad-
vised men upon the matter of the civic tax,
under which the lawyers were suffering.
Mr. Cassidy's chief objections were to
an effort which is being made in cer-
tain quarters to have the tax levied upon
the offices, rather than the moon, by
which system a firm of five lawyers paid
but \$5 each, while if practising alone
the lawyer had to pay \$25 tax each year.
This was particularly burdensome, he
held, in case of the young men, who
starting out in their life were not able
to wait for clients, could scarcely com-
plain that they found the tax hard to
pay, as such a plea reflected on their
ability to earn, and being often alone,
club fours, the skiff race will be rowed,
when a lively contest is anticipated.

Societies Reunion.—Owing to the hol-
iday being taken up so much time last
week, some of the sub-committees of the
societies were unprepared with their
reports, at the meeting held last night, and
it was decided to adjourn until Thurs-
day next at 8 p. m., when the delegates
will meet at the Pioneer Hall. One other
society reported, namely, Post-Native
Sons of British Columbia. Bros.
Chief Watson and J. Wilson being their
delegates. Bro. Wilson was appointed
to the Finance committee, and Bro. Wat-
son to the Sports committee. The Na-
naimo committee were in session last
night, and an early answer from the
combined societies of Nanaimo is ex-
pected. It is expected that excursions
will be run by boat and train to this city
on June 27 from Seattle, Port Townsend,
Port Angeles, Nanaimo, Ladysmith and
other points on the E. & N. railway.

Scripture Union.—Mr. P. Drury, B.A.,
Oxford, who has been addressing meet-
ings in connection with the Scripture
Union in all the large cities of Canada,
will arrive in Victoria this evening. On
Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, he
hopes to give an address upon the work
in Mrs. Cridge's garden, and on Thurs-
day afternoon at 4 o'clock at Christ
Church cathedral schoolroom. The
Scripture Union is a branch of the
Scripture Union, of which Miss Cresce
is secretary, numbers some 200 members,
and an earnest invitation is extended to
them and to all interested in the work
to attend these meetings. The union has
been literally in every part of the
world, and the work has been a great
blessed. The obligation consists of
reading daily a few verses of the Bible
in accordance with a plan which is cir-
culated upon cards amongst the mem-
bers, so that the same verses are read
by all. Mr. Drury has also com-
posed to give a lecture upon the work
of life at Oxford, illustrated with magic
lantern slides, on Wednesday evening at
8 o'clock, in Christ Church cathedral
schoolroom, for which a nominal sum of
25 cents will be charged. On Friday Mr.
Drury leaves for Nanaimo and Ladysmith,
and hopes to return to Victoria on Sun-
day, when arrangements will be made
for an address to the Sunday school
scholars of the city.

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DIED.

WILLOUGHBY.—At Monod Hospital, on
May 20th, Richard G. Willoughby, aged
75 years.
TIEMPSON.—At Svanora, B. C., on May
17th, John Thompson, aged 22 years.

MARRIED.
McKINNON—McDOUGALL.—At Roseland,
B.C., on May 20th, Daniel A. McKinnon
and Miss Mary McDougall.

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the above firm, will be received by the
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Victoria Water Works

Attention is called to Sections 22 and 23

of "The Water Works Regulation By-Law,"

1900, No. 45, which reads as follows:

"No person shall sprinkle or use in any

manner whatsoever the water sup-

plied by the City, upon lawns, gardens,

yards, or grounds of any description, ex-

cept between the hours of 5 and 9 in the

morning, and the hours of 5 and 10 in

the evening, unless the water so used

shall be supplied by meter. If water (ex-

cept water supplied by meter) is used for

watering lawns or gardens at other than

the permitted hours, there shall be charg-

ed against the person so using such water

the sum of fifty cents for each infraction,

but this provision shall in no way pre-

judice any proceedings for enforcing the

penalties attached to any infraction of

this by-law."

JAS. L. RAYMUR,
Water Commissioner

City Hall, 5 May, 1902.

R.I.P.A.N.S

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the door of a subscriber.

RELIEF FUND.

The Colonist will be glad to acknow-
ledge subscriptions to the Relief
Fund, and to hand them to the proper
authorities for transmission to the suf-
ferers from the disaster. The suffering
from this terrible accident is bound to
be severe, and the sympathy of all of us
should be practically expressed.

BULKLEY VALLEY.

The special despatch we publish this
morning from Hazelton does not promise
any immediate success for the proposal
to colonize Bulkley Valley. It is a
good grazing country, although its capa-
bilities for grain raising appear to have
been overestimated. There are valuable
coal measures in the valley, and no
doubt there are valuable minerals in the
mountains. But investigation has ap-
parently made clear that industry, de-
velopment and colonization are impos-
sible without railway facilities. In this
respect the Bulkley Valley is not isolated
or peculiar. It is typical of our whole
Northern Empire. Only the iron horse
can draw the plough that will break up
these so far barren lands and make them
useful to those who would settle in them,
and to the progress and prosperity of
the province, and of the Dominion. This
is admitted in general terms by every-
body; but when any particular proposals
are advanced there are always some
who say that we are buying the possi-
bility of progress at too dear a price.
And those who say so are sometimes
strong enough to negative the efforts of
more far seeing men to secure advantages
for the province which it cannot continue
to exist without. But such criticism, in-
volving as it does the negation of effort,
in all directions, can never succeed where
it is firmly met by the intention to ac-
complish something actual and positive.
We must have railways through our
undeveloped territories, at the lowest
cost we can, but we must have them.

ROUND FIGURES.

In the year 1900 the wheat crop of
Manitoba amounted, in round numbers,
to thirteen million bushels; in 1901 it
was fifty and a half million bushels.
The crop of oats in 1900 was nine mil-
lion bushels; in 1901 twenty-eight mil-
lion bushels. In 1900, the crop of barley
was three million bushels; in 1901 it
was six and a half million bushels. The
progress in the Northwest Territories
has been equally remarkable. In wheat
they increased from four million bushels
to twelve and a half million bushels; in
oats from four million bushels to eleven
million bushels, and in barley from three
hundred and fifty thousand bushels to
seven hundred and thirty-six thousand
bushels. Of course the year 1900 was a
particularly bad year. Yet if the
comparison were made with any previous
year the results would be almost as
astounding. In other respects great pro-
gress has been made. The copper pro-
duction of Canada increased from nine-
teen million pounds to forty-one million
pounds, iron ore from five thousand five

hundred tons to three hundred and six
thousand tons, and pig iron made from
Canadian ore from thirty-five thousand
tons to eighty-three thousand tons.
These are all great figures. They point
to an astonishing increase in the wealth
and productive capacity of our country,
an increase which will be maintained
from year to year. All the efforts of
our government should be to see that the
average comfort of the people rises in
response to this great increase of
wealth, that its full benefits are par-
taken of by the Canadian people that we
are not, as a people, simply exploited by
American manufacturers and capitalists
of industry. So long as our great pro-
duction of wealth does not bring an
equivalent progress in manufactures, and
the arts of civilization our progress will
be much more apparent than real. A
great production, accompanied by a
great exportation of raw material and a
great importation of manufactured goods
emphasizes the need of a national policy,
so that we reap the fruits of growth in
our own stock, and not merely enhance
the civilization of others without corre-
sponding benefit to ourselves.

FISHERIES CONFERENCE.

In the report of the Fisheries con-
ference held at Ottawa a short time
ago, it is stated that the provinces re-
presented were unanimously of opinion
that the general administration of their
fisheries should remain in the hands of
the Dominion government. British Col-
umbia was not represented at this con-
ference for imperative reasons, which we
explained at the time. If she had been
represented, her delegates would doubt-
less have dissented in a most emphatic
way, against any such derogation to the
Dominion government of provincial
rights. The Maritime Provinces are in
an entirely different position from that
of British Columbia in reference to their
fisheries. There the administration is
carried on at an annual loss to the re-
venue, here it results in a considerable
gain. The Maritime Provinces may be
willing to barter their rights in ex-
change for not having to meet the loss,
but the proposal to give up both right
and profit is one which will not find
many sympathizers in British Columbia,
and one to which the province is un-
likely to be committed by any representa-
tive.

We observe a communication in the
London Financial News from a Van-
couver correspondent warning English
investors from putting money into gold-
dredging concerns operating on the Fra-
ser river. This correspondent advances
the statement "that there is no gold
either in the Thompson or Fraser rivers
in quantities to pay as a dredging pro-
position." Many have been baffled by
the problem of getting the gold out, but
no one except this gentleman has ever
asserted that the gold is not there; and,
with all due deference to this authority,
we think the problem of getting the gold
out will yet be successfully solved, and
that dredging upon the Fraser river will
become a profitable and extensive in-
dustry.

The oldest inhabitant is still guessing
about the weather.

"Wouldn't you like to be the ice
man?" was the popular refrain yester-
day.

Emigration from Finland is proceeding
at an unprecedented rate. Last year the
emigrants numbered altogether 15,000,
while at present the departures range
from 500 to 1,500 weekly.

King Edward, it is said, has become
quite an enthusiastic auto-mobilist. Dur-
ing his recent cruise he took a 50-horse
power auto with him and enjoyed a
spin ashore at each port called at.

Sunday, according to the London
Times, was the day appointed for the
combined conference of the Boer lead-
ers, after their round of interviews with
the various commandos, at Vereeniging,
for the final discussion of the question
of terms of surrender.

The circulation of some new coins is-
sued from the mint before their circula-
tion was officially authorized, has puzzled
the authorities in London. It has now
been ascertained that they were sent to
London from Brussels, where they had
been received from the West Coast of
Africa, to which country they had been
taken by a British man-of-war.

The following clipping from the Lon-
don Times offers food for reflection:
The Princess of Wales on April 24
visited the annual united sale of work
held at the Albert hall in connection with
the society for Promoting Female War-
fare.

Perhaps the Female Warfare was
what friend Rydard had in view when he
sang of "killing Kruger with your
mouth."

According to a telegram address to
Mr. Henniker Heaton by Sir J. G.
Ward, the postmaster-general of New
Zealand, the Commonwealth of Aus-
tralia has agreed to admit letter prepaid
at a penny rate from all parts of the
Empire. Until legislation has been en-
acted covering this concession, it will
be necessary to prepay all letters at the
old rate.

Two hundred pleasure-seekers were
caught in a storm between San Pedro,
Cal., and Santa Catalina Island, their
boat was almost swamped. Two pas-
sengers were washed overboard. After
battling with the waves for seven hours
the little steamer made port after one
of the most terrific experiences in the
history of the place.

At the recent banquet of the Imperial
Federation league, one of the speakers—
the Agent-General for New South Wales,
proposed that the four children of the
Prince of Wales should take their titles
from the four chief colonies, the eldest
son to be called the Prince of Canada,
the second the Prince of Australia, the
daughter the Princess of New Zealand,
and the youngest, the Prince of South
Africa.

The London Lancet sounds this note
of warning, "Too much bathing is harmful,
as it tends to maceration of the super-
ficial part of the epidermis and occa-
sions, probably too rapid a proliferation
of the cells of the malpighian layer." We
always knew there was something the
matter, and this trouble with the Mal-
pighian layer explains the whole situa-
tion in connection with the ablutions of
the average small boy.

The Welsh Patagonians will shortly
take ship for their new home in Canada,
a transport having left some little time
ago for Puerto Madrian, where they will
embark. The Cardiff committee of the
fund for the emigration having received a
telegram sent on behalf of 250 of the
settlers stating that they were prepared
to sail at once. They are likely to be
accompanied by many others who will
pay their own way, and will be followed
later by more, who are now only wait-
ing to sell their stock.

A recent telegram from Berlin states
that advices from St. Petersburg
point to issuance shortly by the Czar,
of a decree granting Russia a constitu-
tion similar to that elaborated by Loris
Melikoff, and which was ready for pro-
mulgation at the time of the assassina-
tion of Alexander II. On the very day
before his assassination, "the Czar Lib-
erator" had been induced to sign the
decree granting his subjects a tentative
measure of responsible government, and
Czar Alexander III, upon his accession,
though first of all inclined to favor the
measure, was persuaded by the reaction-
ists to countermand the order.

PRESS COMMENTS.

Vereeniging is not a name that easily
fits the tongue; nor does it charm the ear
with melody. But it may become like
sweet music to the senses if it shall become
identified with the restoration of peace be-
tween Britain and Boer.—N.Y. Tribune.

King Edward VII. still retains his well
known faculty of doing the correct thing at
the right time. His Majesty was among the
first to send a subscription to the Paris
committee for the relief of the Mar-
tinique sufferers. The subscription was a small one
in a way, but it has already elicited many
generous comments from the French news-
papers.—Halifax Herald.

Lieut.-Colonel Maude takes a rather op-
timistic view of the shipping combine,
which is at least refreshing. War with
America is held to be improbable, and
hence, argues Colonel Maude, we have little
to lose by not joining the combine, or
nothing to lose by joining it. The
steamers to the United States marine,
supply this country with coal, whether we
remain at peace with other powers or go
to war with them.—Naval and Military
Record.

A combined hydraulic training and ele-
vating gear, which the shipping inven-
tion, is being fitted to the barbettes of the
gun, and London, and to the 0.2 guns of
the Aboukir. This gear is also to be fitted
to all the battleships in the Channel, and
on their return to England. The ad-
vantages are that the captain of the gun
is able to turn the barrel of the gun by
gun by means of the firing pistol. This
does away with two men in the barbettes,
and enables the captain to fire the gun at
any moment he likes, whilst it gives him
complete control of the guns and the
barbettes too.—London Times.

Speaking of the story set afloat some
weeks ago that the Witold Laurier con-
templated retirement from the Premier-
ship, the Montreal correspondent of the
London Daily Chronicle says: "There will
be a big fight for the succession. The
natural choice of the Liberal party is Mr. W.
S. Fielding, now Minister of Finance, but
the French Canadians are anxious to keep
the leadership among themselves, and will
try to secure Mr. Jettie, now Lieutenant-
Governor of Quebec."—Halifax Chronicle.

CHURCH PARADE.

Sons of England Attended Services at
the Cathedral on Sunday.

The first Sunday after the 24th met
with its accustomed church parade, by the
Sons of England yesterday morning.
Long before church time the members
of Alexandra and the Pride of the Is-
land lodges began to meet and when they
lined up on Yates street in front of
St. A. O. U. W. hall, there were well on
to a couple of hundred in the procession.
Headed by the city band they marched
to church, many a visitor tired and sat-
isfied with the pleasures of the celebra-
tion rolling over his head and wonder-
ing how it came that the festivities of
Victoria day were being prolonged into
the calm of a Canadian Sunday morning.
Down Yates to Government, along
the business thoroughfare to Fort, up
the latter to Blanchard, and across to
Christ Church cathedral.

In the cathedral nave a large block
of pews had been reserved for the na-
tional society, and its sister, the Daughters
of England, and the usually
crowded edifice was filled to overflow-
ing by their members, together with
the addition to the regular congregation
of the members who so regularly at-
tend a society service.

In the course of his sermon, which was
appropriately devoted to the patriotic
and other virtues so deeply inculcated by
this order, the Rev. W. Hugh Allen re-
ferred briefly to secret societies at large
and extended a hearty invitation to all
or any of them to the cathedral services.
Amongst other things he emphasized
the charm of the life of all these institu-
tions, which places all men on an even
footing of equality, when once behind
the closed tyed door. So too it was to be
found in the Christian church, while
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English Crown in similar manner could
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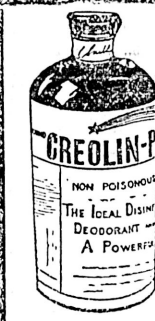
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Provincial Legislature

Resolution of Condolence With
Fernie Sufferers—Prompt
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Passed.

Legislative Chamber, May 26, 1902.
Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2:30 p.m.

Rev. Henry J. Wood offered prayer.
Mr. B. C. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hawthornthwaite, moved the following:
That whereas there has been a deplorable accident at the Fernie coal mines, resulting in much loss of life, and bringing very great sorrow to many homes; Therefore, be it resolved, that the members of this House hereby express their deepest sympathy with the bereaved ones, and earnestly urge the government to take prompt measures towards relieving their immediate necessities.
Speaking to his resolution, Mr. Smith said words were inadequate to describe the appalling nature of the disaster which had befallen the town of Fernie—their loss of life, and the loss of the widows and orphans. He would ask the government to deal liberally with the bereaved survivors and would suggest an appropriation of \$50,000.
Hon. Col. Prior, minister of mines, deeply regretted having to substantiate the sad announcement made by Mr. Smith. The first intimation he had received of the disaster was the following telegram from Archibald Dick, inspector of mines:
Fernie, B. C., 23rd May, 1902.
Hon. E. G. Prior, Minister of Mines, Victoria, B. C.
A dreadful explosion in No. 2 and 3 tunnels, Crow's Nest coal mine, last night, at 7:25 p.m., has resulted in the loss of 133 men in the mines, of which only 24 were got out alive. There have been five bodies brought out.

He had immediately sent the following reply, duplicating the message to J. F. Armstrong, government agent at Fort Steele:
Victoria, B. C., 23rd May, 1902.
Archibald Dick, Inspector of Mines, Fernie, B. C.
Report full details of explosion at Fernie mine, under all assistance possible and do what you can to relieve distress.

Mr. Armstrong replied as follows:
Cranbrook, B. C., May 23rd, 1902.
Minister of Mines, Victoria, B. C.
Explosion was in tunnels two and three; over one hundred men were killed; for train; will further particulars on my arrival at Fernie.

Mr. Robertson, provincial mineralogist, had also telegraphed to Mr. Stockett, manager of the Fernie mines:
Victoria, B. C., May 23rd, 1902.
Thomas R. Stockett, Jr., Fernie, B. C.
Please state if there is any possibility of any assistance in regard to explosion, or anything done to relieve distress.

W. F. Robertson, Victoria, B. C.
The following telegrams had been passed between the government and the officials at Fernie:
Fernie, May 24th, 1902.
Minister of Mines, Victoria.
Forty bodies recovered, about eighty still missing; twenty-four escaped alive. There are no fire insurance companies in the mine and no arrangements for observing the anniversary of the disaster on June 27. The social feature of the meeting will be a lecture by Bro. Dr. Joseph Gibbs, to be followed by a phenological and hygienic exercise given by Bro. Dr. Joseph Gibbs. The D. C. H. will occupy the chair, and members of Court Vancouver are cordially invited to be present.

Off For Manila.—Martin Egan, special correspondent for the Associated Press was a passenger on the steamer Empress of China for Hongkong last night. He is on a special mission for the big press association, and after a visit to Canton will go to Manila. Mr. Egan was in the Philippines at the opening of the war, and he has had a varied experience since leaving Victoria in the early nineties, having been given all the big assignments for the Associated Press.

Dentists Met.—Dr. Garesche, who has been attending the annual convention of the Vancouver Dental Society, returned yesterday morning. Dr. A. A. Hummer, of this city, and representatives from Vancouver and other settlements in the Vancouver district were present. A specialist from Chicago gave a practical demonstration of high class dentistry. The session lasted for three days. Dr. Garesche lectured before the same society last year.

Pastor Leaving.—Rev. J. G. Hastings, of Emmanuel Baptist church, preached his farewell sermon Sunday evening. Rev. Mr. Hastings, who has been pastor of the church for three years, will leave for Southern Manitoba on Thursday, in order to go into business. Rev. P. H. McEwen, superintendent of missions, who was formerly pastor of the church, will be in charge during the interval between the departure of Rev. Mr. Hastings, and the appointment of a new pastor, which is now under consideration. The officials of the church are in communication with Eastern clergymen regarding the departure of Rev. Mr. Hastings, and the appointment of a new pastor, which is now under consideration. The officials of the church are in communication with Eastern clergymen regarding the departure of Rev. Mr. Hastings, and the appointment of a new pastor, which is now under consideration.

Magnificent Pictures.—At the Bureau of Information at the parliament buildings, Mr. R. E. Gosnell has a magnificent group of enlarged photographs, the work of Photographic Department, of Vancouver. Some 12 or 15 in all, they form an admirable set of pictures of a lot of the great industries of this most productive province. Cattle ranching, salmon and other fisheries, lumbering and other works are well portrayed, one of the most striking of the pictures being that of a couple of lumbermen in the act of felling a mammoth Douglas fir in the woods of the Cowichan. The collection is being sent to the London agency for distribution to best effect by the Hon. J. H. Turner.

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No. 1 Tunnel.—I went early this morning to the No. 1 tunnel, or slope, I went down here and examined all the workings of the mine, which is very good. I saw that there were 12,000 cubic feet of air passing per minute. Here there are 15 men at work. The mine is very wet on the floor, and much water is coming out. In previous reports as being under construction, is now working, running slow and only in connection with this No. 3 tunnel. I heard some of the miners say that there was too much wind. This fan also to be the motor power for ventilating the No. 2 tunnel, but as the airway in that mine is not yet ready for the change, they have the old fan running. The motive power for the ventilation of No. 1. This new fan has now been working for a week and runs smooth.

No. 2 Tunnel.—This No. 2 tunnel goes under the mountain on the opposite side of the creek from No. 1. The coal from both places is tipped into the railway cars by the same tippler.

No. 3 Tunnel.—This No. 3 tunnel is also worked on the separate split system, and is known as the left, and high level districts. When in this mine in December I had not gone far before I got into the old workings of this mine, which is the right district. I traveled into these old workings to see if there was any possibility of standing gas, and examined them with a safety lamp, but could not find any. I saw that there was quite a strong current of air traveling. I entered all the stalls at the face where the men were working, and saw that they were in good order, well timbered, and with brattice close up. In most of the places in this district the roof was very bad. This ventilation here was very good, and near the face where the men were working, there was a strong current of air passing per minute for the use of 28 men. All the men were working by the light of locked safety lamps. I examined all the works but failed to find a trace of gas.

I went also through the left division of No. 2 mine, both the old and present working places, examining them with my safety lamp. All the men here were working by the light of locked safety lamps. The condition of the mine was very good, being full of slips, so that great care has to be taken, and timber put in as soon as there is space for it. The safety of the mine is well looked after, and everything was in good order. The ventilation was good, 14,400 cubic feet of air passing per minute, in the cross cut nearest the face. The brattice was up as near to the face as it was possible to have it in this division. There were 44 men. The mine, until lately, was very dry, but now there is not any dust, the works being wet throughout.

The high level division is also in the No. 2 tunnel. There is not much old work in this is a new district, where there are only a few men, all of whom

had safety lamps. I did not find any gas, nor did any show in my lamp. All the places were well timbered, with brattice close up. The ventilation was good, and I saw that there were 10,800 cubic feet of air passing per minute, for only 14 men. In the main intake, I saw that there were 75,000 cubic feet of air passing in the mine per minute, so that you will see there are only 37,800 cubic feet of air accounted for, the 41,400 feet escaping at the doors and stopping and finding its way into the old workings, keeping clear of any standing gas. This, I think, is one of the best safe-guards in a mine, which gives off gas, to have a strong current of air passing through the old works as well as at the face.

No. 3 tunnel also belongs to the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company, and is entered only a few yards to the east of the No. 2 mine, with which it is connected. This No. 3 mine is justly called a slope, having a dip of a few degrees all the way to the bottom, where the levels branches off to both sides. This mine, as are all the mines here, belongs to the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company, and is worked on the split system. The coal is very good, and is about 4½ feet thick with a very hard rock for the roof. I have examined this mine, and it is very good, as regards the ventilation of the mine, and it is in very good condition, and safe for the workmen. As I have said, the roof is very hard, but props are nevertheless put in as usual. Ventilation is very good, and when I was down in December I saw that there were 32,500 cubic feet of air passing down the slope per minute, which was well conducted into the face by brattice, etc., and otherwise the total number of men employed here at one time being 40. Some of the men said that it was very cold, which I could fully believe, as I saw an icicle over 12 inches long hanging from the roof, only a few yards from the coal face. There is little or no gas ever found in this mine, and with the exception of shot lighters or firemen, they all work with open lights. There is not any dust in this mine, as the rock is very wet. The coal from the ventilation No. 2 and 3 mines, it was seen during the summer that something would have to be done to improve this, and after much consideration it was decided to put down a shaft of 100 square feet, sectional area, between the workings of these two properties, while at the same time the air way was enlarged, and a new twin Galbal fan, 16 feet in diameter, and eight feet wide, was ordered. The work was completed in October, and the fan installed.

It is worked by steam, and is able to make 200 revolutions per minute, it is this more than sufficient for the ventilation of No. 2 and 3 mines, giving a good supply of air at the face, and a strong current in the old workings. At present the fan is only making 100 revolutions per minute, the amount of air passing in November being 105,600 cubic feet for 30 men, and in December, 1901, 114,000 cubic feet for 126 men and boys.

The chief danger in mines, which give off gas, as do these lies in the old workings, but I cannot see that it is possible for any accident to occur from this source at these collieries.

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Continuing, Col. Prior read Mr. Dick's report of April 23, 1902, which appeared in the Colonist of May 24, in which it was shown that the supply of air in the two mines was 127,000 cubic feet per minute, or over nine times the necessary allowance.

From the foregoing it would be seen that the government and the company had done everything possible to prevent accidents. There were no Japanese or Chinese employed in the mine, but a large number of Hungarians and Slavs. He feared that the accident might be due to the carelessness of some of the miners themselves, strange as it might seem, some men had become so unmindful of their own and their fellow-workmen's safety as to use open lamps and light matches and smoke in the mine. That the rules had been recently broken was shown by the following report and correspondence, which showed

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He had brought the case to the attention of the Attorney-General's department, as there seemed no doubt that the justice of the law had been too lenient. The following was his suggestion:

Department of Mines,

Victoria, 1st April, 1902.

Sir: I beg to point out the extremely light penalties imposed by Mr. J. F. Armstrong, sitting as J. P., upon the following miners convicted of having matches in their possession while working in the Coal Creek mine at Fernie: Thomas Dunlop, fined \$5 and costs; John Barbo, fined \$5 and costs; John Conacher, fined \$1 without costs. There was another man who did not appear, and a warrant for his arrest has been issued.

Mr. Archibald Dick, the inspector of mines, has interviewed me on the subject, and states that the practice in question is extremely dangerous, owing to the large amount of inflammable gas in the mine. In fact, he states that at any time, if the practice is not stopped, large loss of life may occur.

In view of this, I have the honor to request that you will, if it is permissible, point out to the J. P. the very lenient view he has taken of a most serious offence, and the necessity of giving a heavy sentence should further cases of this kind be brought before him.

By DWD. GAWLER PRIOR,

Minister of Mines.

Mr. Robertson was at the scene of the accident and would remain until the cause of the explosion had been fully investigated. It was impossible to account for the accident, but from the reports which he had just read, it seemed unlikely that it was caused by gas, but possibly by an explosion of coal dust after a shot had been fired.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite pointed out that the resolution before the House was one of sympathy, and that the government had no right to take advantage of the occasion to attempt to absolve the officials and the company, if responsible, and place the cause of the accident with the miners themselves.

Col. Prior resented the suggestion that he had attempted to place the blame for the accident on the miners, and that the inquiry would probably do that. He had merely given the House all available information on the subject.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite continued, in somewhat heated language, to tax the government with neglect of duty in not having seen that all the miners in the Fernie mines were holders of certificates. He was informed that 35 men who had been refused certificates were employed in those mines. He concluded, by complimenting the government in their prompt action in sending temporary relief.

Hon. Col. Prior asked if Mr. Hawthorthwaite knew of such a grave breach of the law on the part of the mining company, why he had not informed the government forthwith?

Mr. Hawthorthwaite said he had intended to bring the matter before the House in the form of a resolution.

Mr. McBride expressed his sympathy with the resolution and commended the government for their prompt action.

Messrs. Neill and Curtis spoke in the same terms, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

COLUMBIA & WESTERN.
Mr. Oliver, as a matter of privilege, moved a long resolution for papers regarding the land grant to the Columbia & Western Railway company. He moved that the standing orders be suspended in order to introduce his resolution.

Hon. Mr. Wells said the government would have no objection to bringing down the papers before the second reading of the bill.

Hon. Mr. Dunsinuir said the government had no intention to proceed with the bill until the House had been fully informed on the subject.

ASSESSMENT ACT.
His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor transmitted a message recommending a bill to amend the Assessment Act, consideration of which was fixed for Tuesday.

QUESTIONS.
Mr. Curtis asked the government the following questions:

1. Upon whose advice or at whose request did the Minister of the Crown recommend to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor the appointment of Frank Walker a police commissioner for the City of Rossland?

2. When was such request made or advice given, and to which Minister or Ministers?

3. Was such request made or advice given verbally or in writing?

The Hon. Mr. Eberts replied as follows:

"I decline to answer. Ministers of His Honor assume the responsibility."
"2. Answered as above."
"3. Answered as above."

Mr. McBride asked the government the following question:

"What are the past and future services performed, and to be performed, by Mr. J. N. Grenshields, K. C., as representative of the local government, and mentioned in the answers of the Hon. Mr. Wells to question No. 2, as per votes and proceedings of the 21st instant?"

Hon. Mr. Wells replied as follows:

"The services performed were in connection with certain matters of negotiation between the Provincial and Dominion governments."

Mr. McBride asked the government the following questions:

1. Is there any person in the Atlin district authorized to act as sheriff or sheriff's deputy or bailiff?

2. Have any requests been made to the government to have a sheriff or sheriff's deputy appointed for the Atlin district during the coming season?

3. In the event of no action being taken by the government up to date, is it the intention of the government to have a sheriff or sheriff's deputy stationed in the Atlin district during the coming season?

The Hon. Mr. Eberts replied as follows:

"I am informed by the sheriff for the County of Vancouver that it has been impossible for him to secure the services of a satisfactory deputy in Atlin. He has a bailiff there, however."

"Yes. The sheriff (whose duty it is) has been instructed to appoint a deputy."

Hon. Mr. Eberts explained that the sheriff had had great difficulty in securing the services of a suitable deputy, and the government were seriously considering the advisability of creating a

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new district and appointing a sheriff for Atlin and Porcupine.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.
The adjourned debate was resumed on Mr. McInnes motion, "That Mr. Houston do now speak," and the amendment by Mr. McBride, "That Mr. Tatlow do now speak."

Mr. McBride began a time-consuming speech at 2:30, and talked to a slim House for half an hour, most of the members having retired to the corridors and smoking room.

Mr. A. W. Smith moved the previous question, i. e., "That Mr. Houston do now speak."

This was carried on a vote of 18 to 15.

There was a further prolonged debate on a tangle of points of order from which the House emerged at 4:30, and Mr. Oliver made an exhaustive criticism of the government's railway policy.

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Mr. Tatlow followed in the same strain, laying particular stress on the statement that the promoters of the Edmonton, Yukon and Pacific railway were men of straw. He spoke until 6 o'clock, and moved the adjournment of the debate.

Hon. Mr. Dunsinuir moved the adjournment till 8:30 p. m.

Mr. Hunter objected. He was quite willing that the House should sit in the evenings to transact business, but so long as the opposition insisted upon wasting time he saw no reason why they should be given more than the afternoon sitting in which to carry out their obstruction.

The House then adjourned till 8:30 p. m.

NIGHT SITTING.
Mr. Speaker took the chair at 8:50 p. m.

Hon. Mr. Prentice moved that the House proceed with public bills in the hands of private members.

Mr. McBride objected, and proceeded to declare the government incapable of carrying on public business, until called to order by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. McBride appealed from the ruling of the chair.

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